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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In the application of** : SPROAT, Martin  
**Serial No.** : 10/656,554  
**Filed** : May 9, 2003  
**For** : Improved Network Service Provider  
Architecture In Communications Network  
**Examiner** : NGUYEN, Steven H D  
**Art Unit** : 2619  
**Customer number** : 23644  
**Confirmation No.** : 8188  
**Attorney Docket No.** : 41319-94756

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 15, 2008

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

In response to the further and final Office Action of October 15, 2008, it is requested that the application be amended as follows: